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To: Examination of the Patent Office

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5. Comment

This is to comment on the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority mailed to the applicant on May 31, 2005. On the same day as filing of this comment, the applicant has filed a request for International Preliminary Examination.

In view of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, the applicant has amended the claims with the amendment letter which has also

been filed on the same day. Specifically, claims 1 and 2 have been amended as follows.

1. An apparatus for supporting revision of a checklist for checking soundness of a company in accordance with revision of the laws and ordinances, the apparatus comprising:

a first database of a checklist containing check items for checking conformity by each of a plurality of departments of the company with the relevant laws and ordinances, said check items associated with names of the provisions of laws and ordinances,

a second database of laws/ordinances data including texts of provisions; and

a computer for supporting revision of the check list responsive to entry of revision of laws and ordinances; and

means for connecting said computer to an external database containing newest provisions of laws and ordinances for receiving revision information relative to the provisions of laws and ordinances;

said computer being configured to:

responsive to receipt of said revision information, determine whether the revision relate to the laws/ordinances stored in said second database;

~~produce revision information indicating deletion, addition or updating of respective provisions of the revised laws and ordinances,--~~

if the determination is positive and the revision relates to deletion, delete from the checklist in said first database the a name of the a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete a relevant check item~~when said revision information indicates deletion;~~

if the determination is positive and the revision relates to addition, add to the checklist in said first database the a name of the a provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist a check item associated with the revised added provision~~when said revision information indicates addition; and~~

if the determination is positive and the revision relates to updating, replace a relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised updated provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the

text of the updated revised provision when said revision information indicates updating; and

send signals via an intranet to the departments notifying the revision of the checklist.

2. A computer implemented method of supporting revision of a checklist for checking soundness of a company in accordance with revision of the laws and ordinances, said checklist being stored in a first database and containing check items for checking conformity by each of a plurality of departments of the company with the relevant laws and ordinances, said check items associated with names of the provisions of laws and ordinances, texts of said relevant laws and ordinances being stored in a second database, the computer carrying out the steps of method comprising:

connecting the computer to an external database containing newest provisions of laws and ordinances and receiving revision information relative to the provisions of the relevant laws and ordinances stored in the second database;

responsive to entry of revision of laws and ordinances, producing revision information indicating deletion, addition or updating of respective provisions of the revised laws and ordinances;

if the revision information indicates deletion, deleting from the checklist a the name of a the provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and delete a the relevant check item when said revision information indicates deletion, said checklist being stored in a database including check items associated with provisions of laws and ordinances;

if the revision information indicates addition, adding to the checklist a the name of a the provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information and add to the checklist the a check item associated with the revised provision when said revision information indicates addition; and

if the revision information indicates updating, replacing a the relevant check item in the checklist associated with the revised provision of the laws/ordinances identified by the revision information with the text of the revised provision when said revision information indicates updating; and

sending signals via an intranet to the departments notifying the revision of the checklist.

The applicant submits that the present inventions as defined in the amended claims are patentably distinct from the prior art discussed in US2001/0034611A1 in that the system and method according to the invention receives revision information on laws and ordinances from an external database and modifies the checklist by adding, deleting, or updating the relevant check items, and thereafter notifies the revision of the checklist to various departments of the company by via the intranet.

Accordingly, applicant believes that the present inventions are patentable.

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V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.	
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VI-1-1	Filing date	30 March 2004 (30.03.2004)
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IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	6	✓
IX-2	Description	13	-
IX-3	Claims	2	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	6	-
IX-7	TOTAL	28	
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IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-11	Copy of general power of attorney	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
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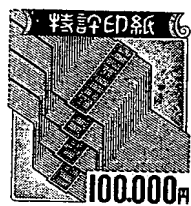
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